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National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) Steering Committee Meeting June 6th and 9th, 2005 Waikiki Marriott – Hawaii

- Chairman opened the meeting again with a proposal for voting members of the Tsunami Coordination Group that Congress has mandated as a governing group on the NTHMP. He suggested that NOAA, USGS, NSF, and DHS/FEMA each having a voting member on the group. NOAA could lead the group and be best represented by Mr. John Jones Deputy Director of the National Weather Service. Each of the state partners could have 2 representatives with a vote each for three regions covering the pacific, eastern and southern areas of the United States.
- Chairman passed along concern of contracting officer regarding lack of invoicing to clear the accounts dating back to 2002. Recent efforts have been successful in satisfying requirements, but more needs to be done. Chair urged representatives to stress importance of time invoicing.
- Much discussion ensued with several other possible alignments of the voting group being brought forth for the steering committee.
- The purpose of the Tsunami Coordination Group would be the source for the Statement of Need to the out years of the federal budget for funding the NTHMP.
- Finally, a measure passed to have the Tsunami Coordination Group comprised of a voting member each from the federal government groups of: NOAA, USGS, NSF, and DHS/FEMA with NOAA the chair of the group and best lead by John Jones Deputy Director of the National Weather Service. The other voting members would total five and come from state representatives from the five NWS regional states. Thus one vote from a state in Pacific Region, Alaska Region, Western Region, Eastern Region and Southern Region. (See Attachment 1)
- The motion was not to dictate how the states govern themselves. Thus a single representative could come with three votes from the Pacific, Alaska, and Western regions to cover the Pacific basin states.
- This voting configuration will be revisited with the right to possibly change it 24 months from now.

ACTIONS: Jeff LaDouce will provide:

- Statement of Need for Tsunami Program to the steering committee - Complete
- Quad Chart to the steering committee - Complete
- Send ER and SR NWS representatives each a copy of the book "*Developing*

Tsunami Resilient Communities” - Complete

Note: Dave Oppenheimer will contact Bill Leith about the seismic Atlantic Activity Monitor too.

The Statement of Need should include the views of all the states in the program in each ocean basin.

The next NTHMP steering committee date was set for November 2005 in Seattle at PMEL. The meeting dates are 29 November – 1 December. Two days will be all MTHMP steering committee members with one day reserved for the mitigation subcommittee. (Changed to 1-2 Feb, 2006)

Attachments: [NTHMP – The Way Ahead](#)
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